

April 1, 2015

To: Parties on attached Service List

Re: Application for a Certificate of Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a
(LIMITED SIZE AND SCOPE)

Applicant: Vermont RSA Limited Partnership and Cellco Partnership, each d/b/a
Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless")
Project: Wireless Telecommunications Facility
Location: West Street, Brookfield, Vermont
Landowners: Ray and Lora Churchill

Dear Statutory Party:

Our firm represents Verizon Wireless. You are receiving this notification because Verizon Wireless intends to file an application with the Public Service Board ("Board"), under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. § 248a ("Section 248a"), for a Certificate of Public Good to allow the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility in Brookfield, Vermont. The "Notice" provision of the Section 248a process, as amended, requires that,

The applicant must provide written notice, at least 45 days in advance of filing a § 248a application, to the following entities:

- (a) legislative bodies and municipal and regional planning commissions in the communities where the project will be located;
- (b) the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources;
- (c) the Agency of Transportation;
- (d) the Division of Historic Preservation;
- (e) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Service and its Director for Public Advocacy;
- (f) the landowners of record of property adjoining the project sites;
- (g) the Public Service Board....

The application will be filed pursuant to the Amended Order Implementing Standards and Procedures for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Good for Communications Facilities Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, which was issued by the Board on September 9, 2014 ("Amended Order"). A copy of the Amended Order is available from the Board's offices, located on the 4th Floor of the Peoples United Bank Building at 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2701; or on the Board's website at <http://psb.vt.gov>.

Project Location

The proposed Project is a wireless telecommunications facility that will consist of a 50' x 50' fenced compound ("Compound") containing a 110' above ground level ("AGL") monopole tower, with twelve (12) panel antennas mounted on a triangular frame at the top, and a 12' x 30' equipment shelter located on the ground adjacent to the monopole (the "Project").

The telecommunications compound will be on approximately 50 acres of land owned by Ray and Lora Churchill. The site is predominantly wooded, traversed with logging roads, and located west of West Street in the Town of Brookfield. The coordinates of the site are latitude 44°-00'-57.64" North and longitude 72°-37'-55.71" West.

Project Description

The 50' x 50' Compound will be enclosed by an 8' high chain link fence, with a locked gate and topped with three strands of barbed wire. A 110' above ground level ("AGL") telecommunications monopole/tower ("monopole") will be located within the fenced compound.

A total of twelve (12) panel antennas and nine (9) Remote Radio Heads ("RRHs") will be centered just below the top of the monopole on a triangular mounting frame, with four (4) antennas and three (3) RRHs per side or "sector". Each sector will consist of one (1) 850 MHz cellular antenna, measuring approximately 76.1" long by 11.9" wide, one (1) 1900 MHz PCS antenna, measuring approximately 54.7" long by 12.7" wide, one (1) 700 MHz Long Term Evolution ("LTE" or "4G") antenna, measuring approximately 76.1" long by 11.9" wide, and one (1) 2100 MHz AWS/LTE antenna, measuring approximately 54.7" long by 12.7" wide. The topmost point of the longest antennas will extend approximately 38" above the top of the Monopole. Each RRH, measuring either 22" long and 12" wide or 36.6" long and 10.6" wide, will be mounted directly behind a panel antenna. Two (2) cable distribution boxes will be mounted on the monopole at the same centerline as the antennas and the RRHs.¹ The monopole and antennas will be finished to blend with their surroundings. (see the proposed Project Drawings, enclosed).

A 12' by 30' equipment shelter, with two separate rooms, will be constructed on the ground inside the fenced Compound, to the southwest of the monopole. One room will contain the transmitting and receiving base station equipment and the other room will house a diesel-fueled emergency generator that will provide back-up power if needed.

¹ From time to time, equipment manufacturers may alter their products or Verizon Wireless may purchase from different suppliers. Therefore, there is a possibility that the actual antennas, remote radio heads and/or distribution boxes may be slightly different from but of similar dimensions as those described in this letter.

Co-axial and fiber optic cables from the mounted antennas will descend inside the hollow monopole. The cables will exit near the base of the monopole and will connect with the equipment shelter via a proposed cable bridge.

In order to provide access to the Compound, Verizon Wireless proposes to utilize an existing grass-covered farm road that commences at West Street. At the end of the farm road, the access will continue generally in a westward direction, roughly following an existing foot trail to the Compound area. The proposed access will be approximately 1000' long. There are no wetlands or stream crossings in the vicinity of the project.

Underground utilities will follow the proposed access from an the closest existing utility pole on West Street to the Compound and will run alongside the access. At the completion of construction, the proposed access and all utility trenching will be mulched and seeded, allowing them to return to their natural state. Culverts, check dams, water bars and silt fencing will be placed along the access road as indicated and at the Compound to control erosion both during and after construction.

Although some clearing will be necessary for the Project, the contractor will limit clearing to the minimum required to construct the access drive and Compound. All disturbed areas will be seeded and mulched as soon as feasible to re-establish a vegetative cover. After the completion of construction, the amount of permanent earth disturbance or new impervious surface will be approximately 2,704 square feet.

Construction of the Project will allow Verizon Wireless to provide improvements in service and coverage in the Town of Brookfield and along portions of Interstate 89 that are located near the Project.

Conformance to Local and Regional Plans

According to 30 V.S.A. § 248a(c)(2), during the Board's review, "substantial deference [will be] given to the land conservation measures" in the local and regional plans of the "affected municipality." We are addressing the relevant provisions of the 2011 Brookfield Town Plan ("Town Plan") and the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Plan ("Regional Plan") to illustrate that the proposed Project will comply.

The Town Plan recognizes the need for telecommunications infrastructure and encourages such development in a manner that preserves the aesthetics and scenic beauty of the Town and protects the scenic qualities of the town's ridgetops.

The Town Plan also places great value on conservation of wetlands and wildlife habitat. Verizon Wireless engaged the services of a wetlands expert who evaluated the site chosen for this facility and found no wetlands within the project area.

Deer habitat has been identified in the vicinity of the proposed telecommunications facility. In an effort to address potential issues, Verizon Wireless has reached a general agreement with the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding preservation/conservation of deer wintering areas (“DWAs”). This agreement calls for avoiding softwood stands wherever possible and limits the time of year when construction will occur.

The Regional Plan specifically addresses wireless telecommunications facilities through the following goals:

- to enable new economic opportunities through the use of wireless telecommunications technology;
- to support the enhancement of the wireless telecommunications network when such facilities do not have significant adverse environmental, health, or aesthetic impacts;
- to make high-speed internet access available to all areas in the region;
- to support the enhancement of the broadband internet network when such facilities do not have significant adverse environmental, health, or aesthetic impacts;
- to actively support public and private initiatives to expand or improve high-speed internet access throughout the region including the Vermont Public Service Board’s requiring deployment from private telecom firm; and
- to provide an exceptional telecommunications system that supports the interests of both current and future businesses and residents.

This Project fulfills the goals of the Town and Regional Plans by providing the desired wireless coverage to areas inadequately served by Verizon Wireless and continuing to build out the telecommunications infrastructure necessary for businesses and home offices to succeed in the global economy. The Project will provide for enhanced communications for residents, travelers, educational institutions and emergency responders. The site for the tower has been selected to maximize coverage and minimize possible effects on local wildlife habitats. Verizon Wireless is requesting the minimum tower height necessary based on terrain and vegetation, to both allow the signal to pass unobstructed, and allow Verizon Wireless to achieve the service objectives for this site. The tower will also allow for future co-location by other providers. The remote location of the facility will mitigate any adverse effects on the Town of Brookfield’s scenic vistas.

Please feel free to contact me, either by email or at the address or telephone number listed below, if you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed Project. We would like to receive comments no later than 30 days from receipt of this Notice so that they can be considered prior to the application filing.

As a recipient of this notice, you will also be notified when the application is filed, which will be at least 45 days from the above date. You will then have 21 days from receipt of

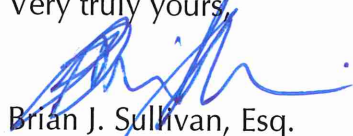
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that notification to file comments, a motion to intervene or request for hearing with the Board. Please review the Amended Order for additional information and procedures.

Very truly yours,



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